

2023 Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Alternatives Program

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
4:00 p.m. Presentation and Q&A
1st Floor Conference Room
Miller Building
2825 3rd Avenue North



Introduction

- History of federal non-motorized grant administered locally
 - Community Transportation Enhancement Program – CTEP
 - Transportation Alternatives - MDT
- 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Allows MPO's to administer their own competitive application process and approval with oversight from MDT. Includes Billings, Missoula, Great Falls
- Funding outlook for this round: \$6,388,406 – One time large allocation, future yearly funding of approximately \$700,000 anticipated
- Applicants: City, County, Tribal. Non-profits may not apply as primary, must have local government sponsor



TAP Process

- Grant process – Local review with project recommendation to MDT for programming
- MDT manages all projects unless community participates in the MDT LAG program
- All projects must include a local match of 13.42% and must account for MDT's 10.71% indirect cost rate. Instructions on developing the budget is included in the TA Instructions
- Non-profits are not eligible to apply as a stand-alone entity, must have a local government sponsor (City or County)



Eligible Projects

- On/Off road and trail facilities
 - Pedestrians
 - Bicyclists
 - Sidewalks
 - Bicycle infrastructure
 - Bike/pedestrian signals
 - Traffic calming
 - ADA projects
- Non-driver safe routes (multi-destination) for children, older adults and those with disabilities
- Conversion/use – abandoned rail corridors
- Construction – turnouts, overlooks



Eligible Projects Continued

- Safe Routes to School – Projects must be identified in a locally, adopted SRTS Plan
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
- Pavement preservation projects of facilities previously funded through the Community Transportation Enhancement or Transportation Alternatives Program



Not Eligible

- Safety and Education activities
- Landscaping and scenic beautification
- Acquisition of scenic easements or historic sites
- Visitor/welcome centers
- Historic preservation unrelated to transportation. Or operation of historic transportation facilities
- Archaeology
- Transportation museums



TAP Application/Evaluation Scoring

100 Total Points:

| Category | Points Available |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| TA Eligible | Yes/No |
| Local Sponsor | Yes/No |
| Project Description | 0-10 |
| Project Benefits | 0-45 |
| Project Risk Analysis | 0-45 |

Local TA Program Timeline

- January 6, 2023 – MPO/MDT call for applications.
- January 11, 2023 – Public meeting
- April 12, 2023 – Applications due by 5 p.m.



Additional Resources

- [Montana Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program](#)
- [Federal Highway Administration – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)
- [Billings MPO TA Instructions](#)
- [Billings MPO TA Application](#)



Questions

Thank you!

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